

OLD SPAIN AND THE MISSIONARY WORK.

Letter From Wm. H. Gulick to
Mrs. Coan of Honolulu.

READ TO HONOLULU M. C. SOCIETY

Regrets at Decrease of Appropriations
From American Board—The Feeling
Against the United States—Good
Results From Two Young Students.

The following letter from W. H. Gulick, a missionary residing in Spain, was read at the last meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, and is of interest to the old residents on the Islands:

SAN SEBASTIAN, April 20, 1896.
Mrs. L. B. Coan, Corresponding Secretary H. M. C. Society, Honolulu.

My Dear Mrs. Coan—I think that I may truly say that never before in my life have I been so pressed with work and cares as I have been the four months of this year. The reduction on the appropriations for our missionary work has been so great that much time and strength have been spent in seeking funds outside of the constituency of the American Board, so as to be able to retain the work that we now have in hand. In this, however, we have been only partially successful, though having received two or three very generous gifts. One of these was from the Hawaiian Islands. We have, in the main, held the work intact, but it has been at the cost of personal sacrifices that we could ill afford to make, and by assuming obligations that have yet to be met—but how we do not yet know.

And then, this embroglio with the United States has brought its peculiar trials and cares. Without attempting to decide as to the merits of the case, we may say that until the controversy respecting the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents was precipitated by the discussions in the Congress at Washington, it was a decided advantage to us to be able to hail from the United States. But since this question has been under discussion—commencing the first of February—it has been the part of wisdom for us to keep as much as possible in retirement.

The explosion of feeling throughout Spain was something wonderful. Instantly the floodgates of wrath were opened, and such a torrent of abuse was poured out upon the Yankees as for a fortnight or more made it seem probable that before it stopped it would sweep us across the frontier into France. In no other place in Spain are Americans at all "in evidence" as we are here—our school being known throughout the country as El Colegio Norte Americano.

But, while for a month the tension was very great, it was evident that only a little more and there would be a catastrophe, by exercising great prudence the crisis was averted, and we are now sailing on more quiet waters.

And just here I must say that, personally, no one of us has suffered any harm, nor hardly an insult. In this family of some fifty young Spanish women and girls—than which a more patriotic group could nowhere be found—the self-restraint and the consideration for the feelings of the unfortunate "Americans" in their midst has been something very beautiful and noteworthy. No better proof could be given of the genuine love and respect that they have for those whom they gratefully recognize as unselfishly giving their lives to bring the benefits of the Gospel to Spain.

And the same must be said of the pastors and evangelists and other employees of the mission. Not a word has been said or written by any one of them but in the kindest and most grateful spirit.

In view of all this we most deeply regret that the reduction of remittances from the American Board should come just now, for in spite of our best efforts all the laborers have suffered for lack of funds the last two months, and notwithstanding our assurances to the contrary, we know that they cannot help thinking that probably the feeling in the United States against Spain is, in part at least, the cause of their suffering. Never could there be a more inopportune time to cut down our work in Spain; and, God helping us, we will not do it!

In the whole range of this work we were never more encouraged than we are now. I will not take space in this letter to recount cases in one and another and still another of our congregations that prove the deep and genuine work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of many who have accepted the Gospel at our hands. I must, however, tell of the success of

OUR TWO UNIVERSITY GIRLS

at Madrid. Two of our students who, in 1894, had taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts in San Sebastian, continued their studies for the University degree of "Licenciado en Filosofia y Letras," which corresponds to that of Master of Arts.

Mrs. Gulick made special inquiries of the professors of the University of Madrid as to what would be necessary for our pupils to do, as students not under official instruction. In some of the studies she was able to secure a "programme" prepared by the professor, indicating the line of work to be followed during the year in his classes. In others this was impossible, as the professors would lecture on different subjects, and the students under official instruction would be examined on the subject matter of the lectures. It so happened that the very studies for which there

was no official "programme" were those that belong to Mrs. Gulick's department of instruction in our school, and this threw upon her, therefore, the difficult task of preparing the girls for examination in General Literature, Philosophy, Metaphysics and Spanish Literature, with no idea of the methods of teaching of the professors or of the character and extent of the examinations required.

Mrs. Gulick writes about this: "The year has been one of no little anxiety. We were risking much. Failure would be serious, for the growing reputation of the school would suffer."

"In May of the present year, 1895, Miss Webb and I went again to Madrid to matriculate the two girls, Esther Alonso and Juliana Campo, in the University. We were not able to stay to the examinations, and so the girls telegraphed us the result of each as it took place. Our emotion can be imagined when we received the first telegram: 'Two sobresalientes,' which means 'leaping over everything.' The final record was sobresaliente in all, namely, in General Literature, Greek, Universal History, Philosophy and Metaphysics—ten examinations, and the highest marks that the University can give in all of them!

"Esther Alonso writes: 'After congratulating us, the professors asked with whom we had studied. We told them that our professors were women. How surprised they were. 'Women!' Then they asked us where we had studied, and we told them with professors from the United States. Then they asked us who the lady was who accompanied us at first, and we told them she was our director, who had taught us the study in which we had just been examined—Metaphysics. They said such flattering things to us that we were ashamed to repeat them, but you can imagine them."

"After our examination in Universal History we were waiting in the office of the Secretary to know the result, when the professor himself came in and told us that the other two members of the tribunal had insisted on giving us 'sobresaliente.' He added, laughing: 'I did not intend to give you such a good mark, for you are enemies of my Catholic God.'"

"Sr. Salmeron said that we and the young lady who had been studying in the University are the three notabilities this year. The professors also asked many questions about the school—the number of teachers, languages taught, manner of living, and finally the address of our school in San Sebastian."

So, step by step, the Lord is leading us onward, we hardly know to what goal, but we are sure that it is to a position of greater and still greater influence for the good of women in Spain. My prayer and my heart's desire is that you shall be sustained and guided and blessed in them all.

And I am, as always, very sincerely,
WM. H. GULICK.

THE SOUTH SEAS.

Missionary Work in Ponape—New Churches on Kusaie.

We reported last month the arrival of Captain Bray at Honolulu, and he has now written us of what he was permitted to learn about affairs on the island of Ponape. Neither Captain Bray nor Mr. Price were allowed to visit the islanders in their homes, the Spanish governor keeping strict watch lest there should be any intercourse held with the natives. But certain facts were learned. At Kiti, where Nanapei lives, there is a church membership of thirty and a day school of ninety; at Mant, a Protestant native teacher and preaches regularly to a church of sixty members. The Metanem tribe, which has ever been most steadfast in its maintenance of Protestant principles, has three stations, one at Oua, where there is a church of sixty members; one at Chapelet, with a church of one hundred members; while the "Taman branch" has a church of sixty members. These are all the definite statistics that are given, but there are allusions to the work of the old teachers, Obadiah, Obadina, David, Julian, Josiah, and others. While, therefore, under the present Spanish rule there can be no interference with the native Christians, there is every reason to believe that there are living churches, holding fast to the faith, and that fruit is being gathered unto life eternal.

In the year 1891 a hurricane destroyed all the native churches on the island of Kusaie, where our training schools for the Marshall and Gilbert Islands are located. It will be remembered that Kusaie is a high island, with a population of about four hundred, having a language altogether peculiar. More than a year ago the people rebuilt the best of the old churches, and this past year they have rebuilt three more, making them entirely of stone, of the native coral rock. Mr. Channon, in reporting this fact, says that it required the labors of all the natives on the island for several weeks, and at the dedication service the people, of course, attended en masse. The king of Kusaie seems to be holding fast to his profession of faith, and under his rule no liquor is to be had on the island. The work of the people in rebuilding these churches shows that the labors of Mr. Snow are still bearing good fruit.—Missionary Herald.

PUNAHOU'S BOOM.

Increased Attendance and Every Prospect of Success this Year.

The present school year has brought in a rich harvest for Punahou College in the shape of a very much increased attendance. The preparatory department has 120 and the collegiate 70 with a promise of quite a number more. The boarding department contains more boys than there were boys and girls put together last year. Everything seems to point toward a most prosperous year.

Among the new teachers is Miss French who brings wide experience and high ability to her department. She will open classes to the public in oils, water colors, China painting, etc. J. L. Howard, of the Stockton Business College, will have charge of the business department.

W. H. Babbitt will have charge of the Latin department and will enthrall the boys and girls too for that matter with the athletic spirit.

In September Atlantic.

One of the most striking figures at the Harvard University commencement last June was Booker T. Washington, the negro president of Tuskegee Institute. The University conferred upon him at that time the degree of A. M. and by honoring him honored himself. He has developed at Tuskegee, Alabama, an institution which is a more powerful agency for the elevation of the negro race than almost all other agencies together. The true, true in economics and socially true, method of quickening and elevating not only the negro but the whole South he explains in a noteworthy article in the Atlantic Monthly for September.

HO FOR THE RACES!

Program for September 19th, as Arranged by the Committee.

Plenty of Real Sport in Store for the Multitude.
Aquatic Events of Every Description.

The Regatta Committee of the Hawaiian Rowing Association held a meeting yesterday morning for the purpose of deciding finally on the list of events and prizes to be given on September 19th and arranged the following program:

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

1. Yacht race, First Class. First prize, \$50; second, \$25. Course: From starting line, passing out the channel, keeping between the buoys, leaving spar and bell buoys on the port side; thence to and around flag boat off Waikiki, keeping it on the port side in rounding, thence to a flag boat off quarantine grounds, keeping it on the starboard in rounding, thence to spar buoy, keeping it on the port side, keeping between the buoys in the channel, back to the starting line.
2. Four-oared shell race. Prize, \$50. Course: Three-quarters mile straight away from old fishmarket, and finish off buoy.
3. Tub race. Prize, \$5. Start from tug boat wharf and finish at judges' stand.
4. Swimming race. Prize, \$5.
5. Steamer boat race. First prize, \$25; second, \$15; third, \$10. Course: From starting point out the channel; thence to and around the "knuckle buoy," keeping the same on port side in rounding, and back to starting point.
6. Six-Paddle canoe race. First prize, \$10; second, \$5. Course: From starting line to and around first can buoy on the east side of harbor and back to starting point.
7. Four-oared sliding seat race. Prize, \$25. Course: Spar buoy.
8. Tug-of-war, for shore boats, single scull. Prize, \$5.
9. Yacht race, Second class. First prize, \$40; second prize, \$20. Course: From starting line, passing out the channel, keeping between the buoys, leaving spar and bell buoys on the port side; thence to and around flag boat off Waikiki, keeping it on the port side in rounding; thence to bell and spar buoys, keeping them on the starboard side, keeping between the buoys in the channel, back to the starting line.
10. Six-oared sliding seat barge race. Prize, \$30. Course: From starting line out the channel, leaving spar buoy on port side; thence to and around bell buoy, keeping same on port side in rounding, and back to starting line, keeping spar buoy on starboard side.
11. Diving contest. Prize, \$5.
12. Canoe sailing race. Prize, \$10. Course: Same as No. 6 race.
13. Five-oared whaleboat race, with rudder. First prize, \$40; second, \$10. Course: Same as No. 10 race.
14. Two-oared shore boat race. Prize, \$10. Course: From starting line out the channel to and around first can buoy, keeping it on the port side in rounding, and back to the starting line. Races open to all. No entry fees. The swimming, diving, tug-of-war and tub races, entries open till the start of the races.

All rowing races are to be governed by the racing rules of the Hawaiian Rowing Association.

For the other races entries must be made to the Secretary of the Regatta Committee, Mr. W. C. Parke, at 13 Kahumani street, on or before 2 p. m. of Wednesday, September 16, 1896.

Each entry shall include the name of the boat; or if it has none, the name of the person who enters it in the race. For further information apply to the Chairman, Mr. Walter E. Wall, or to the Secretary.

New Pumping Plants.

W. P. Eichbaum representing the Crane Co., Pacific Coast Agents for Henry R. Worthington, manufacturers of pumping machinery, condensers and water meters, left for San Francisco by the Australia yesterday afternoon, after having closed contracts with the Kahuku and Pioneer sugar plantations for a high duty pumping plant apiece for irrigation on high levels. These will be down on March 1st, 1897.

It is more than probable that the company represented by Mr. Eichbaum will set up an agency in Honolulu in the near future.

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